Rail link with Myanmar

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that talk have been held by Government with Myanmar regarding construction on rail contact route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether decision has been taken for constructing rail contact route between the two countries; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be made on this projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Establishment of Indo-Myanmar Rail Link is a Ministry of External Affairs intiative under the aegis of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation. Discussions were held on providing Indian Myanmar Rail Link during a Foreign Office Consultation with Myanmar in New Delhi in October, 2005.

At the instance of Ministry of External Affairs, RITES Ltd. had conducted a Feasibility Study which suggested the following alignments;

In India:

(i) Construction of new rail link between Jiribam-lmphal-Moreh at a cost of Rs. 2941.08 Cr.

In Myanmar:

(ii) Construction of a new rail link between TAmu (Moreh)-Kalay-Segyi at a cost of Rs. 1339.02 Cr. and rehabilitation of existing line from Segyi-Changu Myohaung at a cost of Rs. 283.959 Cr.

It has been felt that construction/rehabilitation of the railway line in Myanmar for the India-Myanmar Railway link should proceed in tanderm with work on the Indian side.

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